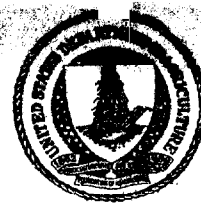




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**NEW BULLETIN ON GAME LAWS ISSUED**

"Game Laws for the Season 1925-26," the twenty-sixth annual summary of Federal, State, and Provincial statutes relating to game, has been compiled by George A. Lawyer and Frank L. Earnshaw, game officials of the Biological Survey, and published as Farmers' Bulletin No. 1466, by the United States Department of Agriculture. The outstanding information presented is the summary of laws relating to seasons, licenses, limits, possession, interstate transportation, and sale, for each State and Province, in the form of detailed but concise synopses, which should be highly useful to thousands of sportsmen hunting in their own and other States.

The authors state that the most important law relating to wild life that passed the last session of the Sixty-eighth Congress was the Alaska game law, which authorized the appointment of a game commission for the Territory of Alaska and broadened administrative and enforcement provisions on behalf of the department. Under the new law the department has promulgated regulations recommended by the Alaska Game Commission on game, birds, and land fur-bearing animals designed to afford better protection to the wild life of the Territory.

Other Federal legislation of the year includes the amendment of the Upper Mississippi Wild Life and Fish Refuge act, an act authorizing two national parks in the eastern section of the United States, and several other parks and refuges. The migratory-bird refuge bill passed the House but did not reach a vote in the Senate. The migratory-bird treaty act regulations were amended, changing the seasons in harmony with the views of conservation officials and sportsmen in the States affected.

The legislatures of all the States except Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, and Virginia have been in session since the summary of the previous season was issued, and the authors of the bulletin state that the trend of legislation has been toward greater protection to game by shortened seasons and increased fees for hunting licenses, with special attention to refuges and sanctuaries.

The game-law bulletin is now being distributed to law-enforcement officials, conservationists, sportsmen and others as an aid in the administration of the migratory-bird treaty and Lacey Acts, and copies can be had on application to the United States Department of Agriculture.

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